

Delaware State Police Investigating Fatal Bicycle Accident- Newark

Newark- Delaware State Police are investigating a fatal bicycle accident that occurred Friday night in Newark.

On February 18, 2022, at approximately 10:12 p.m., a 2008 Chevrolet Malibu was traveling southbound Salem Church Road south of Adel Drive. At this time, a 30-year-old male of Elkton, Maryland was peddling his bicycle in the middle of the southbound lane of Salem Church Road. As the Chevrolet approached the bicyclist from the rear, the operator attempted to maneuver around the bicyclist to pass him from the northbound lane. As the Chevrolet initiated the lane change, the bicyclist also veered to the left, which resulted in the right front of the Chevrolet striking the bicycle and ejecting its operator into the northbound lane. After the collision, the operator of the Chevrolet lost control of his vehicle and traveled off the roadway and struck a road sign. The Chevrolet then continued out of control back into the roadway and traveled across both the north and southbound lanes before striking a tree for its final resting place.

The 30-year-old male bicyclist was transported to Christiana hospital where he succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased. Identification of the victim is pending notification to next of kin.

The 20-year-old male operator of the Chevrolet was not injured in this collision.

Salem Church Rd between Adel Drive and Old Baltimore Pike was closed to vehicular traffic for approximately 3 hours while the collision was investigated, and roadway cleared.

This crash remains an active and ongoing investigation.

Anyone with information regarding the crash should contact Sergeant Alexander of the Delaware State Police Troop 2 Collision Reconstruction Unit by calling 302-365-8484. Information may also be provided by messaging the Delaware State Police on Facebook messenger or calling Delaware crime stoppers at 1-800-TIP-3333 or via the internet at <http://delaware.crimestoppers.com/>.

If you or someone you know is a victim or witness of crime or have lost a loved one to a sudden death and are in need of assistance, the Delaware State Police Victim Services Unit/Delaware Victim Center is available to offer you support and resources 24 hours a day through a toll-free hotline 1800 VICTIM-1. (1-800-842-8461). You may also email the Victim Services Unit at DSP_VictimServicesMail@delaware.gov.

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